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DURATION OF
THE WAR.

How long is the present war in
Europe to continue? is the question
often put to representative men in
England, France and other countries.
At present there seems to be sub-
stantially but one answer to the in-
terrogation, viz: So long as the Ger-
man people are willing to make such
wholesale sacrifices to the vanity of
the Kaiser. The Teutonic ruler is
leperate. He is aware of the fact
that there is growing discontent in
the Fatherland at the moving down
of thousands of Teutons without any
satisfactory result, and the Berlin
newspapers, which are also aware of
the impatience of the German capital,
how which way the wind is blowing.
The papers of the German capital con-
tained significant words a week or ten
days ago, which were evidently in-
tended to stifle growing discontent.
These journals enjoined upon their
readers patience. There was much to
be surmised by a careful reading
between the lines.

Solomon in the Book of Ecclesiastes
observes that the race is not to the
swift, nor the battle to the strong.
Germany has reached her ne plus ultra
during the past half a century in
ringing to the birth the most formi-
dable fighting machine the world has
ever seen. Her Krupp guns and her
sphyxiating gases have caused great
avoc among the objects of her ven-
erance, but the terrible tide is still
being held back by a nation which
reduced the greatest military genius
of the world. While his mortal re-
mains lie peacefully in the Hotel des
Invalides, his spirit at this time may
be hovering over the battle fields of
Flanders. The Corsican placed the
calps of Prussia and Austria in his
belt, and broke up the military effi-
ciency of both bellicose nations.

Lord Northcliffe, who has just
visited the Verdun battlefield, declares
that Verdun is a great deal more in-
teresting than impotent. He says:

It does not need a personal visit
to the battlefield to realize this. If
the Germans think that an attack on
the unarmed and disarmed forts of
Verdun open the road to Paris, they
have a very faint notion of the French
preparations and the French power of
resistance.

Last week I saw German prison-
ers who had escaped the hellish fire
of the French 75's at Verdun. Where
had gone those splendid stalwarts
captured at the battle of the Marne?
Much of the rank and file now left
of the Germans is under-sized and
badly dressed, with faces that bear
a look of fright that seems as if it
would last a lifetime. Their appear-
ance is such as to move a heart of
stone. With two exceptions among
those with whom I spoke, all were
eagerly weary of warfare and be-
gged to be told when peace could be
expected.

The fact about the whole war is
that Germany is in the position of a
besieged city, and she is striking out

blindly by land at Verdun. She will
presently, I am convinced strike out
by sea.

Not a word is hinted in anything
sent out from Germany of the horri-
ble slaughter to which the German
troops have been subjected last week
Thursday was a black day for Ger-
mans when, drugged with ether, the
men came on in mass formation, to
be mown down by the French 75s and
machine guns, as usual.

Reports published in the English
newspapers from Paris are to my per-
sonal knowledge on the whole most
accurate, and they show that for one
of many reasons the Crown Prince is
gambling with human life to an ex-
tent unprecedented even in this war.
If the Germans possess a number of
guns of greater caliber than those
used by the English and French, they
have no weapons in their army equal
to the French 75, or gunners at all
comparable to the Frenchmen.

Discussing the western theater as
a whole, Lord Northcliffe says that
"the allied defensive wall right across
France, insofar as attaining any defi-
nite military position is concerned,
is absolutely impregnable."

VOX POPULI
VOX DEI

There has been a mistaken notion
in the world from time immemorial
that the voice of the people is the
voice of God. Probably the scheme to
build the tower of Babel was regard-
ed by those who would escape another
flood as the voice of God. The Arabian
camel driver, whose system of the-
ology is now venerated by a large per-
centage of the people of the globe,
heard voices which he interpreted as
those of Allah, and the wild hordes
who in our day attempt to bring on
a holy war imagine that their shrieks
are voices from Paradise.

When Peter the Hermit conceived
the impractical feat of forming the
Crusaders the church, thoughtlessly,
declared the yells of the multi-
tude as the voice of God, and the
wildest and most laughable move-
ment anterior to the days of Don
Quixote was launched.

The deposition and execution of
Charles the first was believed by the
majority in England at the time to
have been inspired by High Heaven.

Popular commotions are still re-
garded as the voice of God. The
Richmond Times-Dispatch has the
following under the head of "Vox
Populi Vox Dei:

In a broad sense, all republics re-
alize the truth of the doctrine embodied
in the phrase, "Vox populi, vox Dei,"
and all rulers are forced to recog-
nize it, sooner or later. But this as-
sumes that the voice of the people,
which is as the voice of God, cries
from an understanding heart and
mind. Given time and opportunity
the heart and mind of the people will
understand, will find the truth be-
neath any fabric of deceit, falsehood
and hypocrisy. That is expressed in
another and homelier phrase: "You
can't fool all the people all the time."

Nevertheless, the great mass of the
people may be, and often is, misled
for a time by false gods and even
false prophets, who proclaim them-
selves invested with all righteousness
and wisdom. Cunningly, they distort
the truth and confuse the people and
befuddle their conception of right and
wrong, so that, for a time, the voice
of the people is nothing but clamor,
unthinking and unjust. This is well
illustrated in an anecdote recalled by
Zion's Herald, which tells how John
Wesley once earnestly maintained the
doctrine, "Vox populi, vox Dei," with
his sister, who disputed it. At length
the preacher cried, "I tell you, sister,
the voice of the people is the voice
of God." "Yes," she replied mildly,
"it cried, 'Crucify Him, crucify Him!'"

The voice of the people prevailed
because the people had had no time to
think, and He was crucified. But now
they have learned understanding, and
millions and millions worship Him.

ALL RICHMOND
FOR CHRIST

While Billy Sunday is conducting a
remarkable revival in Baltimore and
similar movements are in progress in
other American cities, it is refreshing
to note the great interest now being
manifested in the capital of the Old
Dominion, where the different church-
es have temporarily lain aside their
ecclesiastical predilections, and have
raised the cry, "All Richmond for
Christ." The Richmond Virginian in
commenting upon this movement says:

All Richmond for Christ is a slogan
worthy of the people of God in
this, one of the most favored of all
the cities of our land. This is an idea
toward which all may look and hope.
It is a state which all may and should
earnestly desire. It is an end toward
which all who believe in Him and His
rich promises should labor and pray.

All Richmond should be brought
much nearer to Christ as the result
of the simultaneous evangelistic cam-
paign so auspiciously inaugurated
yesterday in the churches of the city.
Beautiful is the thought of the great
host of Christian people of Richmond
thousands of believers, embracing
many faiths, uniting heart and voice
in song and praise and prayer. How
blessed it is for brethren to dwell
together in unity. How gratifying it
is to see all of Christ's followers—the
proud and the humble, the rich and
the poor, the white and the black—
set apart a season when, together,
they will labor for the extension of
His kingdom!

All praise to those who have con-
ceived and worked out this great re-
vival campaign. May the people of

out good city unite heart and soul
in this season of special services and
all give room to Him who came to
seek and to save!

We hope the good people of Rich-
mond will realize a fruition of their
hopes, and that by the time the next
General Assembly meets the state
capital will truly be called a city of
righteousness. The great city of
Nineveh was converted by the preach-
ing of one man. Who can tell what
will result from the concerted move-
ment of Christians now in progress?

CARRANZA'S REPLY

(Baltimore Sun)

Carranza's reply to the notification
of our intention to pursue Villa into
Mexican territory is not calculated to
increase confidence in his sincerity,
or to demonstrate his sense of re-
sponsibility. His answer is nearly en-
tirely devoted to an attempt to mini-
mize the Villa invasion, to make it
appear as a border incident that
might occur as readily under an American
administration as under Mexi-
can, and to represent the invasion of
United States territory as flight on
the part of Villa from pursuing
Carranza troops.

Carranza's request for a "recip-
rocal arrangement" by which Mexican
soldiers would be permitted to police
American soil is a mere disingenu-
ous attempt to obscure the issue. We
are able to police our territory, so
far as American criminals are con-
cerned, without Mexican assistance,
but Carranza cannot police his own.

If there was a real and stable gov-
ernment in Mexico such as exists, for
instance, in Canada, there might be
no objection in emergencies to re-
ciprocal police arrangements for the
capture of criminals. But a general
agreement of that sort with this Mexi-
can pretender and his ragamuffin fol-
lowers, who have been looting and
plundering their own country, might
easily lead to outbreaks of the most
serious character. Carranza is not
entitled to make such a request either
by virtue of his individual character
or his standing as a military com-
mander.

His reply confirms the doubt which
most persons entertain with regard to
him. But suppose we should refuse
his request? Does he intend to make
that refusal the basis for a protest
later on our pursuit of Villa? Does
he foresee that Villa's raid may fire
the ignorant Mexican imagination
and gain recruits for him as the re-
presentative of Mexican patriotism,
and is he getting ready for a similar
role, in case the Villa performance
should prove popular in Mexico? What
may be in his mind will be de-
veloped later, but his discussion of
the attack on Columbus furnishes an-
other evidence that in recognizing
Carranza we recognized a very small
and unreliable man.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Fifteen thousand New York school
boys will receive military training in
camp this summer under the eyes
of Gen. Leonard Wood, U. S. A.,
and other officers.

A movement is on foot in Humboldt,
Iowa to raise a fund of \$10,000 for
the capture of Villa. The reward is
being urged to avenge the death of
James Dean, at Columbus, N. Mex.,
in the raid.

Former Gov. William M. O. Daw-
son of West Virginia, aged 63, died
in Charleston, W. Va., yesterday
morning. He was a member of the
State public service commission and
was for years prominent in Republi-
can politics in the State.

There is little doubt that Roumania
is about to enter the war on the side
of the allies. According to a dispatch
an engagement in which several
Roumanians were killed took place in
the Danube River, when a Roumanian
steamer was fired on by an Austrian
gunboat Saturday. The engagement
took place near Rakova.

Thirty feet of snow is the depth
which residents of Downville have
to encounter in their movements, ac-
cording to Sol Camp, who, with Mrs.
Camp, is at the Land Hotel Sacra-
mento, while on his way to Oak-
land. In getting out of the mountain
town the Camps had to use horses
which were supplied with snow
shoes.

Gen. Urzyczko, commanding part
of the Villa forces, attacked a train
en route from Chihuahua City, to
Torreón near the Congo Station. The
train carried a strong guard and the
bandits were driven off after suffer-
ing severe losses. A number of the
passengers were reported killed or
wounded. Ten Americans aboard the
train are believed to have escaped.

Telegraphing from Dvinsk, the cor-
respondent of the Boers Gazette of
Petrograd reports that a mutiny has
taken place among the men of the

German garrison at Shavii, a town in
the Baltic provinces, owing it is said,
to insufficient food. The mutiny was
suppressed by cavalry, the corres-
pondent adds, after one officer and
three soldiers had been killed and a
large number of men wounded. Nine
of the ringleaders of the movement
are said to have been tried by court-
martial and executed.

With slight modifications, officials
of the two street railway companies
of Washington at an early hour yes-
terday morning, granted the demands
of employees submitted March 1, the
ignoring of which caused a strike
of 1,500 motormen and conductors
one week ago. But in the agreement
signed yesterday morning, which
precludes a repetition of a strike for
one year, the officials, in granting the
increase of wage, eliminate all relief
association benefits, bonuses, and
profitsharing plans which have proved
remunerative to the employees for
the past few years.

Two paymasters in the Germania
Mills in the Kensington section of
Philadelphia, were held up and shot
by two highwaymen Friday morn-
ing. The robbers got away with two
bags of money, one containing \$1,450
and the other \$77. One of the wounded
men is in a dying condition with a
bullet over his heart, and the other
was shot in the stomach. The hold-up
occurred on the second floor of the
mill, and the money represented the
pay roll of the mills.

All Portuguese reservists, military
and naval have been called to the
colors, Germany's declaration of war
has caused no excitement in the re-
public, General sympathy has been
with the allies ever since the Eu-
ropean struggle began. It is expected
that Portuguese troops will take
an active part in military operations.
The German merchant seamen seized
in Portuguese ports will be used
by England to transport coal and war
supplies from Great Britain to Italy.

Turkish and Persian troops, under
German officers, are evacuating the
Persian city of Isfahan before the
Russian advance. Isfahan lies 210
miles south of Teheran, and formerly
was the metropolis of Persia, boasting
nearly a million inhabitants. Its present
population is less than 100,000.
Russia is making preparation to use
the recently captured harbor of Riza
as a naval base for the advance on
Trebizond, from which it is 35 miles
distant. The Russians now enjoy
complete mastery in the Black Sea,
and are keeping ceaseless watch on
the Bosphorus.

When a cave occurred in the work-
ings of the Law shaft of the Pennsyl-
vania Coal Company at Avoca, early
Thursday morning, 10 homes drop-
ped 20 feet into a yawning cavern,
extending half a block along Valen-
tine street from the corner of Wag-
ner street. Despite the fact that
all the families occupying the houses
were asleep, no one was seriously in-
jured; nor did a blaze result from
the fires in numerous stoves. Fire-
men and mine rescue corps halted a
panic among the residents. Workmen
set about to prevent an extension of
the cave from the troubled workings.

VIRGINIA NEWS

While felling trees on his farm
about six miles west of Chatham,
Thomas Blair was caught under one
and crushed to death. He was about
69 years old.

Mrs. Sidney L. Josephthal, nee
Marie Louise Cherbonnier, formerly
of Maryland and New York, died
suddenly at her home, Waverly, near
Warrenton. As Miss Cherbonnier,
she was a noted housewife.

When her husband walked into a
room in Richmond and found her mak-
ing merry with several friends last
night, Carrie Tucker, colored jerked
a revolver from her pocket and fired
point-blank at him. The ball struck
the negro, Harry Tucker, squarely in
the breast, and he dropped to the
floor, dying within a few minutes.
The woman was arrested.

The March meeting of the board of
directors of the Warrenton and Fair-
fax Turnpike Company, Inc., was held
last week in the offices of R. Walton
Moore, C. D. S. Clarkson, engineer
made a special report on the condi-
tion of the pike from Fairfax to
Buckland, the portion that is to be
improved, stating that he expected
to have the construction gang at
work within a few weeks. The finance
committee reported that about
two-thirds of the necessary amount
had been subscribed for, and that
plans were under way to obtain the
balance from Washington motorists
and business men.

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me any good, but I was willing to risk
a few dollars on Dreco as so many
Washington people were testifying to
the splendid results they obtained
from it, and now at the end of three
bottles I am like a new man. When
the alarm clock goes off in the morn-
ing I bounce out of bed like a school
boy, and can lift those heavy bun-
dles you see over there, with the
greatest ease. I never have a pain
in my back now, in fact am as well as
I ever was in my life. Just send any-
body to me and I will verify every
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